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**Jubilee Gunfire Breakfast – ANZAC Day
25 April 2003**

Venue: “Club Suite” 1st Floor, WA Club
101 St Georges Terrace, PERTH

Time: 07:15 hrs for 07:45 hrs Breakfast

Speaker: Maj Terry O’Farrell *? Andrew’s time*

Topic: Topical Service Issues of the Day

Presidents Report

50th ANZAC Gunfire Breakfast

The 50th Gunfire Breakfast, promises to be one of our best attended Gunfire Breakfast on record, having over 100 members and their guests already registered, (we still have some seats left).

We have an excellent speaker from SASR, so please complete your form and return to the Treasurer ASAP.

Please **Note** the Breakfast is to held on the **1st Floor** of the WA Club.

Amelioration Fund

It is my pleasing duty on behalf of your Committee to inform you that Highgate Sub Branch has approved payment, for three donations from our Amelioration Fund in favour of:
RACA (RSL Retirement & Aged Care Agency). (RSL Homes) \$9000.00, WA Legacy \$5000.00 and Honour Avenue for Plaque Posts at Kings Park \$586.00

Last Post

Since my last report I regret to announce the passing of two most highly respected members of Highgate Sub Branch:

Max Grace, Highgate’s oldest regular attending member and **Percy White** a great contributor to the community and the RSL.

Both members have been great supporters of our Sub Branch and will be sorely missed.

Lest We Forget

Don Blair

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Committee: 10:00 hrs Monday
5 May 2003

Luncheon: 11:30 hrs, Monday
19 May 2003

Registration for the Jubilee Gunfire Breakfast ANZAC Day

**On entering the WA Club you will need to register (security and name check) see
Brian Martin or Tom Horton**

Hospital Visits

The following Highgate members were visited during March:

Gordon Stacy, Max Shean, John Mackay and Ken Hobbs. The good news is that all should be home before the end of March.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Hollywood Private Hospital has recently provided written advice that patients may only receive a visit from an ESO or official Hospital Visiting Officer (HVO) if the veteran so nominates, when he/she is initially admitted.

Full lists of all patients in hospital are no longer available to HVOs; only lists of those who have nominated to be visited.

Ken Bladen

Sub Wardens Duties

Wreath laying ceremonies currently scheduled at the State War Memorial, Kings Park:

Wednesday 16 April	11:00 hrs for 11:15 hrs	Schools ANZAC Commemorative Service
Friday 25 April	05:15 hrs for 06:00 hrs	ANZAC Day Dawn Service*
Monday 28 April	10:45 hrs for 11:00 hrs	BCOF Association
Monday 12 May	10:45 hrs for 11:00 hrs	Australian American Association

***ANZAC Day Dawn Service Sub-Wardens**

A bus for Sub-Wardens attending the Dawn service will depart from the New esplanade Hotel, Esplanade, Perth at 05:00 hrs on Friday, 25 April 2003 for the State War Memorial.

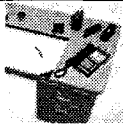
Car Parking is available in the adjacent car park for \$4.00.

Sub-Wardens and Honour Avenue Sub-Committee – New Blood Required

Both the Honour Avenue Sub-Committee and the Sub-Wardens are looking for new members to bolster their numbers so as to be able to spread the workload among more Highgate members.

The **Highgate Sub Wardens** form an Honour Guard at the State War Memorial and other Memorials as arranged, during periods of commemoration, such as ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day, VJ Day, Coral Sea Week etc. You get to wear a Slouch Hat; Ron Stone is the man to see. This is a shared duty a full turn out is usually only for ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.

The **Honour Avenue Sub-Committee** consists of mainly Highgate members who maintain the name plaques and posts in the Honour Avenues within Kings Park in conjunction with the Kings Park Board. The Sub-Committee meet on Tuesday mornings with the odd red for lunch. Contact Brian Martin



of the Senior Vice President

Last Month's Guest Speaker

Highgate Honorary Member and Chief Executive Officer of Hollywood Private Hospital Kevin Cass-Ryall gave a brief overview of Hollywood's achievements and services provided by the hospital and provided some facts of what privatisation has meant over the last 9 years.

Kevin spoke about the wide range of specialties on-site, there are more than 500 medical specialists accredited to Hollywood.

Hollywood is recognized as a center for excellence in surgery, medicine, psychiatric care, rehabilitation and palliative care and is accredited with the Australian Council of Healthcare Standards.

Since becoming a part of the Ramsay Health Care Group in 1994 there has been extensive redevelopment at the hospital creating the latest in accommodation and the very best in modern facilities and equipment. Ramsay Health Care owns and operates 23 hospitals in Australia.

Our Jubilee Gunfire Breakfast

The Guest Speaker for the breakfast is Major Terry O'Farrell, Executive Officer 1st Special Air Service Regiment. His talk will include references to current world events and to be able to give some insight into our current defence service people as they represent their country abroad.

As of going to press there are few places left to ensure your attendance make sure complete the 'GREEN RETURN' that was included in last month's and forward with you payment to the Treasurer as soon as you can. If you intend to bring a guest you need to include their name and payment also.

Numbers are limited to 120; NO door sales, so get your Returns to the Treasurer ASP.

Highgate Programme Diary Notes 2003

Friday, 25 April	50 th Highgate Gunfire Breakfast WA Club
Saturday & Sunday, 12 & 13	State Congress 2003
Monday, 21 July	Birthday Luncheon
Wednesday, 27 August	Ladies Luncheon - Venue Carine
Friday, 7 November	Poppy Day
Friday, 28 November	Ladies Dinner
Monday, 15 December	Election of Office Bearers for 2004
Monday, 16 February 2004	Annual General Meeting

Ian ("Mo") Mulholland
SVP

Hollywood Private Hospital is 9

The overwhelming popularity of Hollywood Private Hospital's annual anniversary celebrations called for a change of venue this year.

Over 150 representatives of the ex-service community enjoyed presentations followed by a morning tea at Tawarri Reception Centre, in Dalkeith, on Tuesday February 25 to help Hollywood celebrate nine years since privatisation.

This is the first year the event has not been held on the hospital's grounds.

Hollywood was the first Commonwealth hospital to be privatised in Australia and was bought by Australian-owned Ramsay Health Care, through a tender process, in 1994.

Executive Director Kevin Cass-Ryall and Hotel and Property Services Manager Wayne Williams gave presentations to the guests that highlighted developments, activities and achievements of the past year.

There was also a presentation made to the hospital on the day by State President of the Royal Australian Air Force Association (RAAFA) Peter Fardon.

Mr Fardon presented Hollywood with an appreciation plaque to recognise the high quality care the hospital provides and its commitment to the veteran community.

Executive Director Kevin Cass-Ryall accepted the appreciation plaque on the hospital's behalf.

Ed. Many members of Highgate attended, as did I, great show.

Pension Officers - Report

From 26 February to 3 April, Highgate ESO's 11 enquiries at RAAF Bullcreek and 15 at the DVA office. I also have two cases pending review by the Veteran's Review Board and have visited 2

veterans at their homes in regard to their claims to the DVA.

A Poem

It is the soldier, not the reporter
Who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the soldier, not the poet
Who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer
Who has given us freedom to demonstrate.
It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves
beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by
the flag
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

Father Dennis O'Brien, US Marine Corps

Rusty Bugles

A larrikin comedy of Aussies at war. Under canvas on the Perth Esplanade. Good reviews in the West Last Monday (7 April).

RSL members and guests can see this play for the special price of \$19.90.

Ring BOCS for timings and bookings
Group Bookings 9321 6831
General Bookings 9484 1133

Guest Speakers

Although we have almost a full card for this year, the committee is always keen to hear of unusual and interesting Guests Speakers.

If you know of, or hear of someone who may be of interest to members please let the SVP know.

Last Post

Since our last newsletter we regret to announce the passing of:

Max Grace, who was a great Luncheon attendee.

Percy White, 39 years a Soldier, but really still soldiering on.

Lest we forget